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## Bike maintenance

Mellow Johnny's weekly hour-long bike maintenance starts at 6p.m. and will focus on drivetrain maintenance. RSVP by sending an email to [hunter@mellowjohnnys.com](mailto:hunter@mellowjohnnys.com) for more information and remember that classes fill up quickly.

## Weird Wednesday

Continuing the tradition of screening cheesy horror flicks, Alamo Drafthouse is showcasing "Blood Freak" tonight at 10 p.m. as part of their Weird Wednesday special. If you ever wanted to see a man turn into a turkey followed by hilarious murder scenes, then "Blood Freak" might just be for you.

## Today in history

### In 1963

The BBC broadcasts the first ever episode of "Doctor Who," with William Hartnell as the first Doctor. "Doctor Who" holds the Guinness World Record as the longest-running science fiction television show in the world.

## Campus watch

### Gardening 101

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Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor: A UT staff member discovered a UT student providing alcohol enriched compost to the flora on the north side of the dormitory. The student then entered the dormitory and failed to sign in her friend. During the investigation, the officers located the subject and learned the student had been drinking vodka. The officers learned the student was under the legal age of 21 and was issued a court appearance citation for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor. Occurred on: 11-20-11, at 2:19 a.m.



## Quote to note

She writes in a way that makes you feel like you're listening to one of your dear friends who just so happens to be funny and knowledgeable.

— **Indiana Adams**  
Adored Austin

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# UT-A&M: End of an era

By **Jillian Bliss**  
Daily Texan Staff

Longhorn fans across the nation will prepare to say a final goodbye to A&M this Thanksgiving, but some say the influence of the rivalry will not end along with the tradition.

The annual football game between UT and Texas A&M, beginning in 1894, created a long-standing ritual of pitting Texans against each other in the name of sport. A&M did not allow female students to attend the college at the time, a custom Bill Little, special assistant to the head football coach for communications from UT, said helped create a family feud, as sometimes the female students of UT would find men from A&M.

"I've always felt the rivalry was unique because it was in-state," Little said. "It blended families, and in Texas, no matter who we play, the two schools will always be linked."

The 118-year-old family tradition will come to a close this year, at least temporarily, but A&M English junior Molly Livingstone agrees that it will not be forgotten. Livingstone said she was "brainwashed" from the time she was little to dislike burnt orange and can remember choosing maroon T-shirts whenever given an option.

"You can't grasp the spirit of A&M without going to this game," said Livingstone, whose parents and brother are also Aggies. "It's the essence of



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan file photo

**Texas defensive tackle Kheeston Randall (91) prepares to rush the Texas A&M offensive line in the 2010 matchup. Texas is hoping to avenge last year's 24-17 loss by winning what could be the last game of the historic rivalry.**

the school."

For some, the spirit shown during the UT-A&M matchup was pivotal in making the decision of where to attend college. Radio-television-film junior Ivy

Chiu said attending the rival game with her sister during high school made her want to wear burnt orange forever.

"I hadn't anticipated ending up at UT, but it made me want to

be part of a school founded on pride," Chiu said. "That was one of the best games I've ever been to and my first taste of college."

The school spirit that follows the tradition of the UT-A&M

game is something some representatives of both schools do not believe will be easily replaced. Brad Marquardt, spokesman for

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# Residence hall hosts Thanksgiving dinner

By **Allie Kolechta**  
Daily Texan Staff

While many students are skipping Wednesday classes to drive to their hometowns while dreaming of sweet potatoes and pumpkin pies, others will not be spending Thanksgiving at home.

French senior Daniel Ibarra, will spend this Thanksgiving in Austin studying. Although he has no finals, he has five tests lined up for the week after Thanksgiving, he said.

"I've always had the same situation where I have all these tests," he said. "I force myself to stay here. I'm used to it already, so it's not bad."

Instead of driving home to El Paso, Ibarra said he'll cook himself a small Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday.

The Residence Hall Association will hold a Thanksgiving dinner for students staying at school, said association program manager LT Robinson. This year's dinner will be held at 5 p.m. in the San Jacinto Multipurpose Room and will be followed by a watch party of the UT vs. Texas A&M football game.

This is the first year that the Residence Hall Association will host the

dinner, which was originally hosted by the Division of Housing and Food Services, Robinson said.

"We wanted to provide an opportunity for students to have a good meal during Thanksgiving," she said. "We want to make sure that we have something for students who are staying on campus."

The dinner typically provides for 75 to 100 students, and this year, the RHA is expecting about 80 attendees, Robinson said. Turkey and mashed potatoes are served along with vegetarian options such as veggie lasagna and a grilled veggie platter as well as pumpkin pie, she said.

Biology senior Krystal Lopez also has five tests in the week following the holiday and will not be driving home.

"This is going to be my first time not going home since I've been here," she said. "The reason I'm OK with it is because my family isn't really going to celebrate either because they need to run errands in Mexico."

Lopez said she plans to spend her holidays with other sisters from Kappa Delta Chi and watch the game.

Many students who are not re-

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Illustration by Mary Kang

**Many UT students will be staying in Austin for various reasons, such as studying for finals or because their home is too far away.**



Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

**Andrew Townsend, assistant director for the Campus Environment Center, center, gives out information on the organization's campaign to ban disposable plastic water bottles to senior advertising major Josh Berman.**

# Center seeks to ban plastic water bottles

By **Lydia Herrera**  
Daily Texan Staff

With a trailer full of recyclables parked on the West Mall early Tuesday morning, a student group hoped to bring awareness to its campaign to ban disposable plastic water bottles on campus.

The student group, the Campus Environmental Center, used the event to celebrate the national America Recycles Day which took

place Nov. 15 and to revamp its "Re-fill, Not Landfill" campaign against plastic bottles.

The CEC started the campaign in 2010 in an effort to reduce human impact on the environment, group director Michelle Camp said.

"We're here to educate students about plastics, how they're produced and what happens to them after they're used," Camp said. "We're giving out reusable bottles and encouraging students to use them instead

of disposable plastic bottles."

A ban on the sale of water bottles on college campuses has already been implemented in other schools including Seattle University, Belmont University and the University of Portland, Camp said.

"The campaign has no definite end and will go on as long as there are people passionate about it," Camp said. "Our end goal is for

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# Austin ranks low as city for technology jobs

By **Megan Strickland**  
Daily Texan Staff

Austin ranked 32nd out of 51 U.S. cities in a recent Forbes magazine evaluation of the best cities for technology jobs.

Mark Schill, vice president for research for the Praxis Strategy Group that compiled the rankings, said a loss of technology manufacturing jobs in Austin contributed to the low ranking.

"We were surprised by this result," Schill said. "I think what's interesting is Austin has done pretty well overall. The loss was in the manufacturing industry."

Schill said he believes layoffs at major manufacturing companies and a shift of labor to foreign markets contributed to the loss of 17,000 jobs in semiconductor, computer and circuit board manufacturing over the past decade. Praxis Strategy Group used labor statistics

gathered from state and federal entities from the past 10 years to rank cities based on job growth and job loss, Schill said.

He said Austin still has twice as many technology jobs as most cities of comparable size.

He also said Austin had a 10-percent loss in the research and development sector of technology employment over 10 years, which he

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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Zetus lupetus!



Corey Leamon | Daily Texan file photo

Fans pack Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving day in 2010 for the Texas-Texas A&M football game. Longhorn faithful have united around various rivalry traditions for more than a century.

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A&M athletics, said students will have to “simply adjust to the new set of circumstances.” “You can’t just ‘plug in’ a new rival and expect it to replace the history that was built between Texas A&M and Texas over the last century,” Marquardt said. “But I don’t think there’s any question that new rivalries will be built as time goes on.” Marquardt said although the

tradition of the rivalry will be lost, new traditions will form in addition to new rivalries. He said traditions associated with the game, such as the Aggie Bonfire, formerly brought the entire campus together. UT traditions such as the Hex Rally are grounded in campus unity as well, Little said, because in the tradition’s first year, all of Austin burned red candles

in hopes of hexing the Aggies. Little said although old traditions must change with the loss of the rivalry, the history will forever stand between the two teams. “They’ll have to change the school song,” Little added jokingly. “You have to give kudos to the guys who wrote it. I guess they really did mean it when they said ‘goodbye to A&M.’”

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didn’t expect. “Austin didn’t do as well in research and development as I thought it would in the university environment,” Schill said. “Usually a university presence promotes growth in that area.” Graduate computer sciences student Ioannis Rouselakis said he hasn’t heard of Austin’s ranking in Forbes and still has faith in Austin’s technology job market. “I know Austin is good regarding technology,” Rouselakis said. “I have many friends who work at technology-related companies such as AMD, ARM and Google. I’m really positive about Austin regarding technology job opportunities.” Isaac Barchas, director of the Austin Technology Incubator, said he had not looked into the methodology Praxis Strategy Group used to conduct the rankings but was surprised Aus-

tin did so poorly. “Most of the people on the ground here in the tech industry would be very surprised to hear this because we see that demand for technology jobs outpaces the supply,” Barchas said. The Austin Technology Incubator, a University-supported initiative that helps develop technology based startup businesses in the early stages, has secured \$75 million in investments to support 50 fledgling companies in the past three years, Barchas said. “If you look at what’s happening at the University of Texas right now, students are increasingly becoming involved in entrepreneurship and startups,” Barchas said. “This is something that’s being increasingly supported by the University through many programs.” The Office of Technology Com-

mercialization at UT has made significant changes over the past year to increase the marketing technologies developed by students and faculty, said Betsy Merrick, associate director of marketing for the office. The University of Texas at Austin licensing revenues jumped from \$14 million in fiscal year 2009-2010 to \$25.6 million in fiscal year 2010-2011, Merrick said. She said recent initiatives to improve marketing were in addition to policies that made the office successful in the past. “Over the past nine fiscal years, the University of Texas at Austin has created over 60 new companies to commercialize UT Austin technology,” Merrick said. She said in 2010 UT created more companies than any other Texas institution of higher learning.

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turning home for the holiday will be spending their Thanksgiving in College Station for the annual Thanksgiving Day game against

A&M. Journalism freshman Emma Chase will play the baritone at half-time and will spend thanksgiving with the other 380 members of the Longhorn Band. “It’ll be interesting,” she said. “It’s been a long time since I haven’t been home on Thanksgiving. Instead of family, I’ll be surrounded by a bunch of friends. The game day will be different but fun.” Although her family will postpone Thanksgiving dinner until her return on Friday, she will still miss being with them on the actual day, Chase said. “I guess saying ‘I’m upset’ would be a little extreme,” she said. “I’m excited to go to the game. It’ll be that last time we play A&M for at least eight years, but I’m at a point in the semester where I feel like I want to break. I wish I could have more time at home.”

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there to be no plastic bottles sold on campus at all.” Because the campaign is in its early stages, Carson Chavana, CEC assistant director of recycling, said they have not yet felt opposition regarding the ban on plastic bottles. “We aren’t ignorant to the idea that it might sound like kind of a big change to students at first, but I think that when we clearly pres-

Austin-Bergstrom gains recognition as excellent airport

By Sarah White  
Daily Texan Staff

The Austin-Bergstrom International Airport was ranked as a top-five airport in service quality for the fifth year in a row by Airport Council International and received the new Director General’s Roll of Excellence award. Jason Zielinski, spokesman for the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, said the airport was one of 14 international airports to be placed on the Director General’s Roll of Excellence by Airport Council International. “Austin-Bergstrom is to receive this new honor, and we join DFW as the only two airports in the U.S. to be recognized on the Director General’s Role of Excellence,” he said. Zielinski said that to be recognized an airport must have had a top-five ranking in the Airport Quality Service Survey for five years. Cheryl Marcell, spokesperson for Airport Council International, said the ACI council has been providing and conducting Airport Service Quality Surveys for five years at more than 200 airports worldwide. “The surveys are conducted every quarter and include questions about things like the availability and convenience of retail stores, restaurants and parking, the cleanliness of rest rooms and the friendliness of employees,” Marcell said. Journalism professor Robert Jensen said he is a “frequent flyer” at Austin-Bergstrom and has few complaints about service,

despite the airport’s lack of free wireless Internet. “I fly five to 10 times a semester for speaking engagements and Austin[-Bergstrom] is fairly comfortable,” Jensen said. “The lines are always manageable, the service has been good and there are multiple electrical outlets.” He said it is small things such as easily accessible electrical outlets that give an airport convenience and make it easy for UT professors and other passengers to work while they are waiting for their flights. Marcell said it is a tremendous honor for an airport in such a comparatively small city to be mentioned in the Director General’s Roll of Excellence, as it shows the airport’s commitment to customers. Austin-Bergstrom International Airport will be 13 years old next year and, although new airports open every year, ABIA works to stay updated, clean, friendly and convenient, said Zielinski. “It is very important to us that Austin-Bergstrom is reflective of Austin and Central Texas,” Zielinski said. “We are constantly looking for ways to improve the cleanliness and convenience [of the airport] and to add new flights and airlines and nonstop destinations.” Zielinski said additionally, the airport has a \$2.2 billion impact on Austin industry. “Austin is high in education. Austin is high in business. Austin is high in government,” Zielinski said. “We think of ourselves as a gateway not only to Austin but to Central Texas.”



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

Noted for its quality service, cleanliness, friendly employees and high class restaurants, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport has been listed as one of the top-five airports in North America by Airport Council International.

ent these other options and show students that it’s actually safer to drink out of reusable water bottles,” Chavana said. She said municipal water supplies are more closely regulated than bottled water, and the plastic in water bottles can release toxins that endanger human health. Plans to improve UT recycling efforts include implement-

Judge suspended for beating teen daughter

By Christopher Sherman  
The Associated Press

McAlLEN, Texas — The Texas Supreme Court suspended a judge Tuesday whose beating of his teenage daughter in 2004 was viewed millions of times on the Internet. Aransas County court-at-law Judge William Adams was suspended immediately with pay pending the outcome of the inquiry started earlier this month by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, according to an order signed Tuesday by the clerk of the state’s highest court.

The order makes clear that while Adams agreed to the commission’s recommended temporary suspension and waived the hearing and notice requirements, he does not admit “guilt, fault or wrongdoing” regarding the allegations. His attorney did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press seeking comment. Adams’ now 23-year-old daughter Hillary Adams uploaded the secretly-recorded 2004 video of her father beating her repeatedly with a belt for making illegal downloads from the internet. William Adams has not sat on the bench since the video went viral. It has been viewed more than 6 million times on YouTube. The public outcry over the video was so great that in a rare move the, State Commission on Judicial Conduct announced publicly Nov. 2 that it had opened an investigation. A statement from the commission then said that it had been flooded

with calls, emails and faxes regarding the video and Adams. William Adams appeared in court Monday for a day-long hearing regarding the custody of his 10-year-old daughter. His wife had sought a change in their joint custody agreement, and another judge imposed a temporary restraining order effectively keeping William Adams from being alone with his younger daughter until he reached a decision. An order was expected in that dispute Wednesday. As Aransas County’s top judge, William Adams has dealt with at least 349 family law cases in the past year alone, nearly 50 of which involved state caseworkers seeking determine whether parents were fit to raise their children. A visiting judge has been handling his caseload. After reviewing the investigation conducted by local police, the Aransas County district attorney said too much time had passed to bring charges against William Adams.

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## FAMU president suspends marching band after death

By Gary Fineout  
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida A&M University's famed Marching 100 band, which has a history of hazing, has been shut down until investigators find out more about how one of its members died after a football game.

University President James Ammons said on Tuesday he suspended all performances and other activities out of respect for the family of 26-year-old Robert Champion of Atlanta. The drum major was found unresponsive on a bus parked in front of an Orlando hotel Saturday after the school's loss to annual rival Bethune-Cookman. Champion was vomiting and had complained he couldn't breathe before he collapsed.

Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings said a preliminary autopsy was inconclusive and that more tests would be needed to know what caused Champion's death. But Demings said that investigators had traveled to Tallahassee and had concluded that "hazing was involved in the events that occurred prior to the 911 call for assistance."

In Florida, any death that occurs in connection with hazing is a third-degree felony.

"In the next few days or weeks, it will become clearer as to whether any criminal charges will be forthcoming," Demings said in a statement.

University officials acknowledged Tuesday that 30 students this semester were kicked out of the band because of haz-

ing and that there are three active investigations.

Ammons said it would be wrong to allow the band to keep performing until more is known about what happened to Champion.

"I think we need to stop and give ourselves the opportunity to find out the facts," Ammons said. "And until we do, I just don't think it's appropriate to have the band performing and representing the university."

And Ammons didn't stop at the Marching 100. He suspended all bands and ensembles that operate under the supervision of the university music department.

The Marching 100 was scheduled to perform at the fall commencement on Dec. 16.

Champion's father, also Robert Champion, said his son always wanted to be in the band.

"He did what he wanted to do and he reached the plateau that he wanted to be," he told Atlanta's WSB-TV. "I think he was in pretty good condition. He ate and he trained and had no medical condition that I know of."

Ammons also said that he was creating a special task force to review whether there have been inappropriate band customs.

Ammons said he was "committed to making certain that we end this practice here at Florida A&M University."

"I'm very disappointed that we are at this point in the life of this university and we are here in 2011 dealing with an issue that should have been long, long past on our campus," he said.



Joseph Brown | Associated Press

Robert Champion, a drum major in Florida A&M University's Marching 100 band, performs on Saturday at a football game in Orlando, Fla.



Jason Straziuso | Associated Press

Residents harvest crops at a community-run farm, which receives assistance from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, near Dolo in Somalia.

## Somalis afraid to return home after famine

By Jason Straziuso  
The Associated Press

DOLO, Somalia — Lush patches of green dot this once-barren land, allowing goats and camels to graze. A nearby field is full of large, purple onions thanks to a U.N.-funded project.

Four months after the U.N. declared famine in much of Somalia, some regions are beginning a slow recovery from a disaster that has killed tens of thousands of people.

But many Somalis — women, mostly — living in a stick-hut camp in this border town say they won't return home because they're afraid of hard-line Islamic militants stalking the country and of being unable to feed themselves and their children.

The U.N. reduced the number of famine zones in Somalia from six to three and said the number of people at risk of starvation has dropped from 750,000 to 250,000.

Since the July 20 famine declaration, the U.N. has received \$800 million in aid for Somalia, and the U.S. has provided \$650 million to drought-stricken Horn of Africa nations, including Somalia. Still, the fate of 13 million people affected by East Africa's worst drought in decades remains in doubt.

"We are just at the beginning of a phase of a potential recovery if everything goes well," said Luca Alinovi, the head of the Somalia office of the U.N.'s Food and Agricultural Organization.

"We are very far away from the end of the famine," he stressed, saying it will likely be a year before anyone is sure the danger has passed.

Drought wiped out much of Somalia's crops, and herds of camels and goats perished. But the arrival of seasonal rains has pumped new life into Dolo, a river town on the Ethiopian border.

Now, small herds of goats frolic near Dolo's yellow flowering bushes. Camels munch on green shrubs outside town, and donkeys drink puddles of muddy water.

A camp on the edge of town is home to 5,000 people, mostly women and children who fled the famine in other parts of Somalia. Somalis have also crowded into refugee camps in the capital, Mogadishu.

A Somali U.N. worker, Abdi Nur, said many of the men at the Dolo camp have returned home to plant crops. But many of the women said they won't join them.

"I don't want to go back," said Hafida Mamood, 62. "There's no security

and no animals. We don't want to go anywhere. The food is here."

Other women nodded in agreement. "I want to stay here because of the security," said Fahim Mohamed Mahmood, a mother of four.

Nearly, barefoot children played, ducking behind the colorful robes of the women as aid workers and journalists moved through the camp, dotted with rows of stick huts draped with tarps, blankets and cloth. In the distance, people filled large water containers at a central water point.

Challiss McDonough, a World Food Program spokeswoman, said the displaced Somalis "have to feel physically secure and have a livelihood that will allow them to make ends meet" in their home regions.

Somalia's famine has been made more severe by al-Shabab militants who control the country's south and have impeded the work of aid agencies, including WFP.

Kenyan forces moved into southern Somalia last month to battle al-Shabab, and some Somalis have fled that fighting. The military intervention is also preventing some food supplies from being delivered.

Alinovi said the conflict could keep food production down, despite

the new rains. This rainy season, if all goes well, will only supply about 30 percent of Somalia's food needs.

"Where conflict increases, farmers do not go to plant. They stay out of their field. If this happens things will get worse and worse," Alinovi said.

Kenyan troops in Somalia are trying to move toward the al-Shabab-controlled port town of Kismayo, but their advance has been slowed by rain. Ethiopian troops over the last week have also moved into Somalia.

Security is not a concern for the refugees in Dolo, which is under the security umbrella of Ethiopia.

On Monday, Alinovi visited an FAO-funded irrigation project on the outskirts of Dolo that has allowed 20 families to plant and harvest.

Keynan Ibrahim, a 20-year-old Somali who took part in the project, said he helped clear trees and bushes from the fields in early 2010 so food could be planted.

"They were able to continue to produce even during the drought. They've been selling their food ... and they didn't need any support from others," he said. "This is a very good example of what should be happening all across Somalia."

## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Ten year old defends mother with BB gun in Washington

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Police in Bellingham, Wash., say a 10-year-old boy defended his mother from an attacker by shooting him in the face with a BB rifle as many as four times.

The man accused of the attack rents a room in the woman's home and came home drunk and angry Tuesday morning. Police say he kicked in a bedroom door and started choking the woman.

Officers say the boy hit the attacker with a board and then shot him in the face with the pump-action BB rifle as he grappled with the woman.

The woman and boy were able to flee to a neighbor's home and call for help.

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VIEWPOINT

# The entrepreneurial vision

Given the current state of higher education, university administrators around the country are working to champion timeless buzzwords such as “creativity,” “innovation” and “entrepreneurship” as they try to shed the perception of intractability.

For example, President William Powers Jr.s used the word “change” an awe-inspiring 36 times in his State of the University Address in September. And in UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa’s acclaimed Framework for Advancing Excellence, “synergy” and “technology transfer and commercialization” are at the heart of the system’s research mission.

At the University, innovation and entrepreneurship have been central tenets in rebranding the institution, playing a part in big-name hires last year such as Richard Miller and Robert Metcalfe.

The general concept of entrepreneurship does not belong solely to business and technology fields, and incorporating this line of thinking can have a tremendous impact on students. It can turn education from a passive consumption of knowledge into an active application of it, forcing students to constantly evaluate and explore what skills they bring to the table.

A greater emphasis on entrepreneurship can also help higher education institutions better engage society, as the great ideas generated in academic circles have traditionally struggled to find entry ways into communities. Sarah Simmons, assistant dean in the College of Natural Sciences, said in a town hall meeting earlier this month that many students turn great ideas into academic papers and never think their work may have a wider applications.

But this is where it gets tricky.

Powers made a speech to the University in May, hoping to refocus the conversation on the heels of the state’s higher education controversy. In it, he cited research commercialization and even The Longhorn Network as examples of “new revenue streams” to “support educational innovation.” The love-it-or-hate-it network gave the University’s third-tier television

rights — essentially games that will not be broadcasted nationally or by the Big 12 — to ESPN in exchange for \$300 million over 20 years.

There’s nothing inherently wrong with students, faculty or UT making money off of good ideas and products that the market values.

The problem occurs not when money is a side effect of the entrepreneurial process, but when money becomes the driving force of the entrepreneurial process.


During difficult financial times, it is always important to evaluate what can be made better rather than what can simply be cut. Otherwise, people will simply cut what is easiest to let go of in the short run. This rule of thumb also applies when trying to come up with revenue. Forgetting it can shift the focus to what simply yields cash in the short run.

At the root of declining levels of state support for higher education institutions across the country is the newly-formed view that a university education is a private good that only benefits the diploma-holder by way of knowledge and a higher future income. The days of the Legislature financing the lion’s share of education costs are likely over, or as James Duderstadt, former president of the University of Michigan, famously put it, “[Public universities] used to be state-supported, then state-assisted and now we are state-located.”

But the long-standing charge for state universities to create and provide knowledge for the public — taxpayers and tuition-payers alike — is as urgent as ever. So as private universities such as MIT allow any Internet user anywhere to view class lectures for free, we need to think twice before, for instance, hoarding once-widely distributed marine biology materials in order to crank out a textbook, or prohibiting local media from speaking with the stars of the volleyball team so that they can be left exclusively for a television network most cannot watch.

This new push for entrepreneurship in higher education can yield enormous benefits for all stakeholders. But let’s make sure we’re defining “entrepreneurial” in the right way.

# Mayor’s second term seems likely



**By Samian Quazi**  
Daily Texan Columnist

Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell launched his re-election campaign Wednesday at Becker Elementary, his childhood school in South Austin. First elected in May 2009, Leffingwell elaborated on his role as a steady hand guiding Austin amid an anemic national economy. Although the mayor deserves praise for his sensible environmental policies, his initiatives on transportation have fallen short of expectations. Nevertheless, a confluence of factors in Austin’s political history leads Leffingwell to be the heavy favorite in next May’s election.

The mayor’s commitment to environmental issues leaves little to be desired. As a former chair of the city’s Environmental Board, Leffingwell can point to a litany of accomplishments on the campaign trail. During his tenure, Austin became the first major U.S. city to have its city government run on 100 percent renewable energy sources. He also supported a new City Council contract in August to replace nonrenewable energy sources with new wind farms.

In his re-election campaign announcement speech at Becker Elementary, Leffingwell promised to end Austin’s dependence on coal for energy. The city currently gets roughly 20 percent of its energy from the coal-powered Fayette plant in La Grange. Under Leffingwell’s plan, the city would set a target date to sell its shares of the plant and replace that energy source with renewable sources.

Austin voters, who have uniformly seen their energy bills rise this year, are justified in questioning whether a move away from coal will eat away at their paychecks. Leffingwell replied by stating, “Right now wind prices are competitive with fossil fuels, and that is critical.” He also pledged to make Austin coal-free in a way that keeps costs low for city residents. Since the prices of fossil fuels, including coal, are projected to climb over the next few years, the mayor’s investments in renewables will keep energy costs low in the long-term.

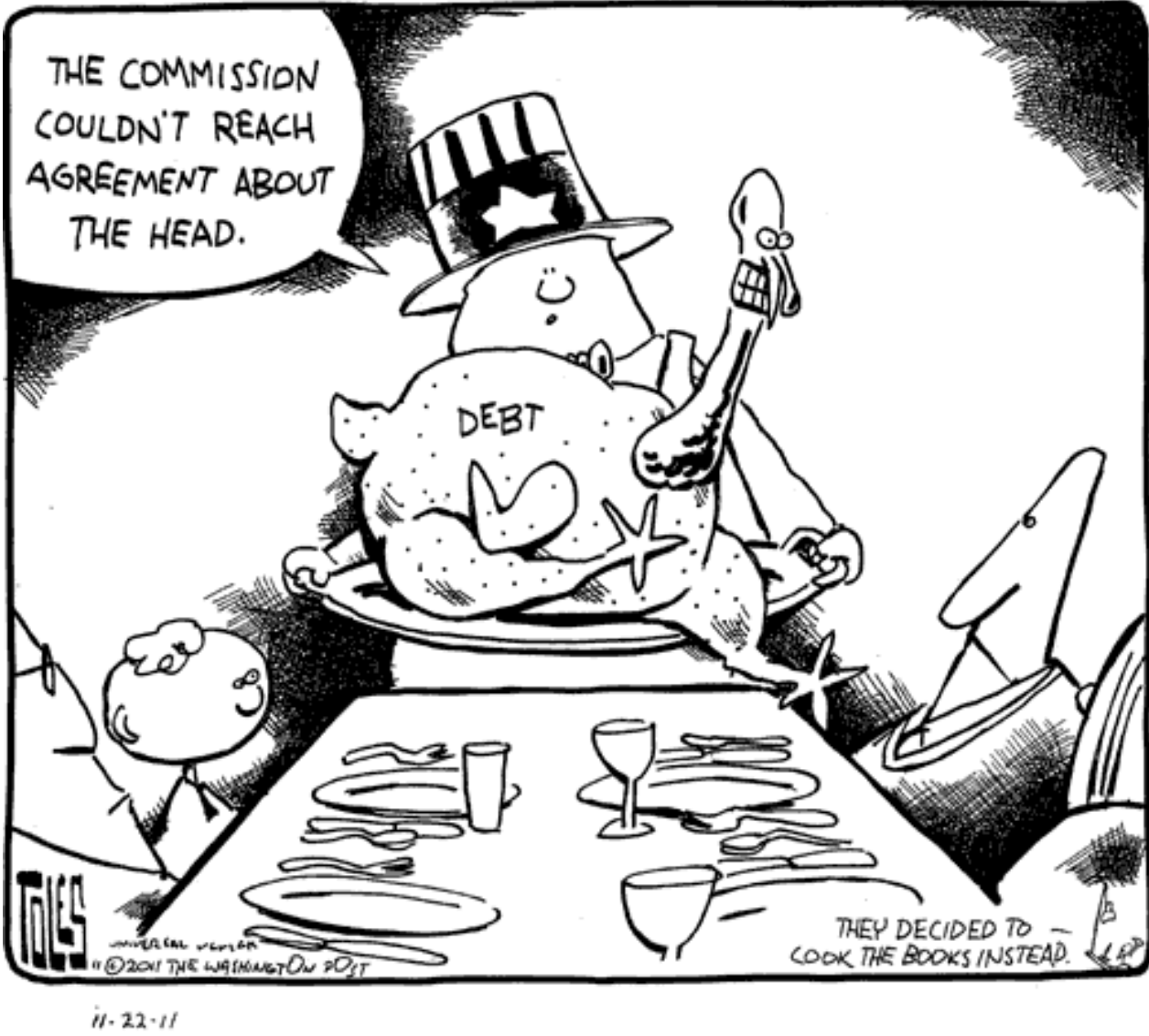
The mayor gets less sterling marks on transportation issues. Leffingwell touted his support for Proposition 1, which voters approved in November 2010, as his signature accomplishment on transportation issues. The proposition allows the city to issue \$90 million in bonds for renovations on roads while heavily investing in bike lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks. Its price tag is also a decent bargain, since the construction costs were about 30 percent less than normal because of the recession.

Yet Proposition 1 is merely a red herring that provides little to no substantial relief to Austin commuters. Since the bulk of the city’s road congestion is concentrated on MoPac, Interstate Highway 35 and U.S. Highway 183, drivers stuck on these roadways won’t get home much faster because of a new East Riverside Drive bike lane. Leffingwell should have pushed the state for road expansion funds, including possible HOV lanes, for the major roadways. He should also recognize motorists’ frustration at abominably long traffic lights. Instead, the mayor has failed to adequately address Austin’s transportation problems.

Leffingwell is expected to easily coast to re-election. He faces no big-name challengers in his bid and further benefits from the City Council’s rejection of a proposal to move elections from May to November, thereby shortening the window of opportunity for a rival to raise funds against him. To his credit, Leffingwell displayed his principles in September when he voted to shift the elections to November, arguing that such a date change would save the city more than \$1 million. Abysmal voter turnout coupled with Austin’s history of mayoral elections further seal his electoral fate. Roughly 7.4 percent of registered Austin voters showed up for this May’s municipal elections – a percentage not far from the 13.1 percent voter turnout in May 2009 that first made Leffingwell mayor. Austinites also have a record of rarely rejecting incumbent mayors: The last time an incumbent mayor was voted out was in 1988.

The mayor’s detractors claim Leffingwell is “too safe in his policymaking and lacks the vision and pluck to lead Austin in bold new directions,” according to the Austin American-Statesman. Yet in an era of nationwide economic malaise, Leffingwell’s leadership as a source of economic stability combined with serious environmental progress will likely lead him to a second term in office.

Quazi is a nursing graduate student.



# Deflated grades prove equally unfair

By Mike Singer  
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

My colleagues, integrative biology professors David Hillis and Eric Pianka, object to grade inflation and have expressed so through firing lines that recently ran in The Daily Texan. Hillis notes that inflated grades are unfair to excellent students. Indeed. But deflated grades are unfair, too, when students receive lower grades for their work than is currently normal, making them appear to potential employers as less able than they are.

This wouldn’t matter if grading standards were similar among teachers. Now, with the appearance of MyEdu.com, we can see how variable grades are among different sections of the same class. Grades for BIO 301M, which I traditionally teach, ranged from 7 percent, 10 percent and 15 percent As in the most sternly-graded classes, up to 38 percent, 39 percent and even 65 percent As at the other end of the scale. The proportion of Cs ranged from 2 percent and 8 percent up to 40 percent, while Ds and Fs ranged from 1 percent to 22 percent.

If students in these classes were performing equally, some of my students making Cs could have made As in a different BIO 301M class. Even more extreme, all of the C students and some of his D and F students in one class would have made As and Bs in a different class.

Can we tell whether students in these classes were equally able? I think we can. I have taught two BIO 301M classes back-to-back each fall for the past 10 years or more, and I give both classes the same true-false, computer-graded tests. Each year, I can compare the performances of two groups of students given the same lectures, the same text reading and the same tests. I decide in advance what percentage of students will get each grade (previously 30:30:30:10). When I apply this to each class separately, I observe that the test scores at each grade cutoff are never more than 1 percent apart between classes. Why is this? It is simple statistics: These classes are large enough samples of the student body that they are good representations of it. So, the differences in BIO 301M grade distribution that we see in MyEdu.com reflect differences in professorial policy, not differences in

student ability or effort. This is seriously unfair.

My policy can result in a student scoring 250/360 at end of semester making a B and a student scoring 249 making a C. The difference is meaningless, so it’s bad luck for Mr. or Ms. 249.

An alternative is to seek natural gaps in scores, as Pianka advocates for. But, while I observe that allocating As to 30 percent of the students in each of my classes results in near-identical test-score cutoffs between A and B grades, I also observe that the positions of gaps remain variable even in large classes taking the same test. If I used gaps, I’d get widely differing GPAs for my two classes, even though the students’ overall performance is the same.

Publication of GPAs must already be generating intense competition for access to “easy” classes. Winning these contests will have nothing to do with student academic ability, so unless we reform our grading policies grades will continue to be unfairly diverse. However, any kind of standardization could only apply to large classes, as small ones are genuinely diverse in student composition. If I teach five students and they all flub a test, I think to myself, “Oh dear, I have five under-performing students. Is there flu going around?” On the other hand, if I have 110 students and their mean test scores are low, I think, “Oh dear, either that was a very hard test or I haven’t been teaching effectively.” Whether my test was hard or my teaching ineffective, in neither case should I penalize the students, which is why I decide in advance what percentage of them will receive each grade and stick to it regardless of test scores.

Monetary exchange rates used to be arbitrarily confined to fluctuate within specified limits, a procedure colorfully known as the “snake in the tunnel.” Our students would benefit from such a snake in classes that are large enough and predictable enough to merit it. Could we professors be cajoled into harmonizing our grading policies? I suspect that the answer is a quote from the anonymous professor in Ph.D. Comics: “Don’t tell me what to do!”

Singer is a professor of integrative biology.

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Anne Wynne, founder of LGBT rights group Atticus Circle, discusses the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell Tuesday afternoon in the Charles I. Francis Auditorium. The lecture covered the obstacles that affect gay and lesbian veterans after being discharged from the military.

Kiersten Holms | Daily Texan Staff

NEWS BRIEFLY

District judge found guilty of taking election bribes

McKINNEY — A North Texas jury found a state district judge guilty Tuesday of accepting a bribe that boosted her 2008 election bid in exchange for future favorable rulings in her court.

The six-man, six-woman Collin County jury found state District Judge Suzanne Wooten guilty of six bribery counts and one each of money laundering, record tampering and engaging in organized criminal activity. The verdict came after 12 hours of deliberation.

The penalty phase is scheduled to begin Monday, The Dallas Morning News reported. She could receive punishment ranging from probation to life imprisonment.

Prosecutors alleged the judge's campaign consultant took six payments totaling \$150,000 from a couple locked in a bitter child custody battle with the husband's ex-wife.

Testifying in her own defense last week, the 43-year-old judge denied having any role in such a scheme.

Wooten was suspended with pay after her indictment last year.

Wooten defeated longtime Judge Charles Sandoval in the 2008 Republican primary and had no opposition in the November election. But she recused herself from hearing the child custody case in question because of a conflict of interest with one of the attorneys.

The Texas attorney general's office began helping the Collin County district attorney's office investigate the criminal charges in December 2008, before Wooten was sworn into office. A former Collin County district attorney later recused his office from the case, and the current top prosecutor in the county tried unsuccessfully to have the attorney's general office removed.

— The Associated Press

After DADT repeal, LGBT soldiers still face issues

By Andrew Messamore  
Daily Texan Staff

The repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell almost a year ago has been a huge civil rights victory for the LGBT community, but legal issues still challenge LGBT soldiers and veterans, said Danny Hernandez, communications and development assistant for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

Hernandez was invited along with Anne Wynne, the founder of Atticus Circle, to speak about the legal issues facing LGBT service members on at a Tuesday afternoon talk hosted by OUTLaw,

an LGBT community organization for students attending the UT School of Law. Both Atticus Circle and Servicemembers Legal Defense Network advocated for the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell through national litigation, and OUTLaw hoped to bring more awareness of the ongoing legal struggle, OUTLaw president Samuel Rettew said.

"After Don't Ask, Don't Tell has been repealed, it's very easy to think that LGBT in the military isn't an issue, but there's still a lot to address," Rettew said. "There's a sizable LGBT population and soldier population at UT and they have a vested interest in seeing the sol-

diers serving next to them having the same rights. It's very powerful when people come here to join the discussion, and they realize there's still a problem."

Hernandez and Wynne related personal stories along with the stories of their plaintiffs in addressing the wide variety of LGBT issues following the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. While the repeal has ended the dishonorable discharge of soldiers, the repeal does not prevent discrimination by making LGBT soldiers a protected category or guarantee benefits for LGBT couples.

"You have to put it in context,"

Wynne said. "If you were in the military and you had a partner, you couldn't talk about your partner. You couldn't have pictures of your partner. You had to tell a big fat lie, and if you had children, you had to tell them to tell a big fat lie, too."

Members were also interested in incorporating these legal struggles into the day-to-day classwork of law students at UT.

"Intellectually, it's interesting," website and newsletter director for OUTLaw, Daniel Collins said. "If we are aren't talking about these issues in our law class, then maybe that's a sign that we may need more discussion, and that's why OUT-

Law holds forums like these."

Outside the classroom, work by UT students is also important and can result in important repercussions for the LGBT community, Rettew said.

"What finally pushed the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell was that 50 percent of the U.S., and all segments of the military except for the Marines supported it," Rettew said. "In a broad sense, everyone can have an impact. If you bring up discourse, you'll be exposed to something you never knew, and occasionally, you'll have the chance to influence people who can really make an impact."

Professor writes about energy crisis, Gulf oil spills

By Jody Serrano  
Daily Texan Staff

The Daily Texan spoke with professor Tadeusz Patzek, chair of the Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering, about the new book he co-authored with Utah State University professor Joseph A. Tainter, "Drilling Down: The Gulf Oil Debacle and Our Energy Dilemma." In the book, they describe the last year's Deepwater Horizon oil spill and current energy problems as results of society's need for an ever-increasing amount of energy, causing many unforeseen risks. The Daily Texan spoke with him about how these risks impacted geosciences at UT.

DT: What does the crisis in energy described in your book mean for the way we train UT students in the geosciences?

Tadeusz Patzek: We have to be a lot more careful as an industry, and that will start by training engineers how we operate in these harsh environments such as Arctic or ultra-deep Gulf of Mexico. Also, we need standardized procedures with different drilling or-

ganizations and to develop and train students how to use equipment that's more reliable.

DT: What about for faculty and the education systems?

Patzek: As teachers we can contribute training and education in traditional ways, and we do, but you have to remember that not everybody working in the industry has a college degree. Plenty is done by people who come to work with only high school degrees with some on-site training. What has to be done is that education and training has to be extended to everybody who is working off-shore, and creating a better design in our projects that's not subject to so many agendas.

DT: Would you say that debacles caused by increasing demand are the biggest challenge facing energy companies today?

Patzek: Well, I have to be careful what I say. [Laughs]. In order for us to persist as the American society that you and I live in, we need a vast, vast amount of energy flowing through the system every day.

That's an incredible lot of power to produce, and that's ultimately the demand that energy companies are trying to meet. Having that much demand for energy to support current lifestyles is going to create problems that are hard to avoid. Furthermore, there are a lot of discrepancies between public opinion and the realities of the energy demands in renewable energy. To the extent that we can power down by using energy smarter, we should do so, but many people think you can get a lot of power from renewable when you really can't.

DT: Could I ask you a little bit about the research you did for this book?

Patzek: Well, to be honest I've been interested in ecology and sustainability for the past 10 years, and if you look into newspapers, you'll find everything there. There's nothing new in that book. The accident just put everything I was saying in starker relief, and I used it as a prop to say many of the things

I've been writing for the past year.

DT: Is there anything you'd like anyone else to know about the book, for people just picking up the paper?

Patzek: A warning: there are no simple solutions to energy. All solutions start with us and to the extent that we can adjust our behavior somewhat, that's good. We can blame the energy industry for these problems, but the demand we create is at the center. Before we can judge others we have to look at our-



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# AND IT'S GOODBYE TO A&M



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Texas running back Ramonce Taylor gives the Hook'em sign after he reached the end zone in the 40-29 Texas victory over Texas A&M. The victory kept the Longhorns' perfect season alive, as they'd go on to beat Southern California in the 2005 Rose Bowl.

*Thursday marks the last scheduled game in the 117-year-old rivalry between Texas and Texas A&M. Through history, the Thanksgiving classic has always been more than about the final score, it has been about moments. Like Heisman-clinching runs and keeping undefeated streaks alive. Sometimes the game takes a back seat, like in 1999 when horrible bonfire collapse killed 12. Here's to remembering the best rivalry in college football.*

## Longhorns keep national championship season alive

By Phillip Orchard  
Daily Texan Columnist

COLLEGE STATION — Walking through the A&M campus before Saturday's 40-29 Texas victory, there was an odd and unprecedented mix of resignation and submissiveness consistent among Aggie fans.

The "horns-down" hand signs were limited, several Aggies openly lamented about the season and still more seemed a little bit too willing to praise the Longhorns.

It was as if a great malaise had fallen over Aggieland, all in expectation and preparation for what was sure to be the most humiliating A&M defeat in the 112 years of the rivalry.

The stadium atmosphere was almost worse, capped when the anticipated finale to the Reggie McNeal/Vince Young rivalry

never really materialized, limped to an anticlimactic ending when McNeal hobbled in jeans through Senior Day introductions, officially passing the reins to the 3-and-out Gulf Coast offense to gutsy and talented Stephen McGee.

But four hours later in postgame interviews, the attitudes had switched.

Supposedly a pocket passer, McGee had sliced through the Texas defense for 108 yards on the ground. Supposedly the best player in college football, Vince Young had his worst game of the season.

The Aggies have something to talk about during the offseason (which, at 5-6, started Saturday afternoon). The Longhorns have several things to work on before taking on what could be the most talented backfield in college football history.

Texas had beaten their rival for the sixth consecutive time on the road in front of

a raucous crowd, but didn't win by the 78-point margin many had predicted, and the result was an odd mix of apprehension and relief.

Struggling at Kyle Field was a good thing, right? Anyone?

"It's not good to have it easy all the time," said fullback Ahmard Hall.

"I think it's the best thing that could possibly happen," Mack Brown said. "It got our guys' attention so we can quit talking about how good we are."

They're right. It was. Texas won by 11 without Vince being Vince. If that's Texas' worst game of the season, the year will be a smashing success.

Fact: After winning the previous eight games by an average of more than 37 points, Texas needed a close game.

Truth: Neither USC nor Colorado will run the option, and [defensive coordina-

tor] Gene Chizik will make the necessary adjustments to fix the leak in the Texas run defense.

Bold-faced lie: Vince Young is clearly the second-most-deserving Heisman candidate in college football.

While it's true that Friday's struggles only added fuel to the nation's Reggie Bush lovefest and in all likelihood secured Bush the victory, the two should be neck-and-neck heading into next weekend.

Encouraging realities: Three years ago, Texas would have lost this kind of game. Now they're 11-0 and Texas A&M is stuck talking about next year. Texas is good enough to win on the road when struggling and good enough to score easily on USC's defense on Jan. 4.

If they win it all, no one will remember one foggy Saturday where, for once, Vince and the Longhorns were less than perfect.

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## Bonfire tragedy overshadows rivalry

By Kimberly Gentile  
Daily Texan Staff

COLLEGE STATION — A 90-year-old Aggie tradition turned to tragedy early Thursday morning as the Bonfire stack that dozens of students were building suddenly collapsed, killing 12 Texas A&M students and leaving 28 other injured.

Students and parents wept and watched as rescue teams worked more than 19 hours carefully removing logs from the stack, hoping to recover students who might have been trapped alive under the pile.

Top levels from the structure, which collapsed at 2:28 a.m. Thursday, fell off to the side, crushing students that were building the Bonfire. As rescuers removed logs, more bodies were discovered, totaling 11 by the end of Thursday night. Officials said they didn't know the exact number of students working on the Bonfire that morning, but believe there were between 50 and 70 students on top of the stack when it collapsed. Texas A&M President Ray Bowen said officials don't know what caused the stack to fall, but they will continue to investigate as more of the logs are removed.

"As we dismantle the structure, we have experts on site that are looking at every aspect to try to

identify what would cause this," he said.

Cindy Lawson, executive director of A&M university relations, said officials are unsure how many students were crushed in the debris when the 40-foot stack collapsed. She said no more than 70 students are allowed to be on the stack at one time.

"We think we have students accounted for, but we won't know for sure until the logs are removed," she said.

Bruce Unger, an A&M junior who was injured while working on the Bonfire when it fell, said he was in the fourth level of the pile when it started shifting.

"I have no idea why it went down, and there was no warning at all," he said.

Unger, who knew some of the students who were killed, said the effects of the tragedy haven't set in yet.

"What happened today should never happen again," Unger said. "I guess I got pretty lucky."

Bart Humphreys, public information officer for the College Station Police Department, said there could possibly be more students under the pile who aren't accounted for.

"I fear the number [of fatalities] will escalate," he



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Two Texas A&M students embrace each other after rescuers pulled the ninth body from the structure.



# Williams breaks rushing record, clinches Heisman Trophy



Andrew Loehman | Daily Texan file photo  
Tailback Ricky Williams broke the NCAA all-time career rushing mark in the first quarter of the game with a 60-yard touchdown scamper.

By Mike Finger  
Daily Texan Staff

They all knew it was coming, from the legion of orange-clad fanatics to the stoic Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, from the “Tyler Rose” to the “Rocket,” from a former Newton Boy to a real-life Cowboy hero.

Over the past four years, Longhorn fans everywhere had already seen their dreadlocked savior achieve almost every spectacular feat that a college player could, and there was seemingly no broken tackle, no burst of speed, no historic run that could make the legend of Ricky Williams grow any larger.

But as he raced into immortality on Friday at 10:47 a.m. CST, Williams managed to outdo himself once again.

With Williams only 11 yards short of Tony Dorsett’s all-time NCAA rushing record late in the first quarter of Texas’ 26-24 win over the Aggies, the Horns made the ball at their own 40.

On an isolation play known as “L King Zin 53,” quarterback Major Applewhite handed the ball off to the star halfback,

who exploded through the line of scrimmage, shed a potential Sedrick Curry tackle at midfield, burst down the left sideline, slowed down inside the A&M 10 to follow a Wayne McGarity block and carried Aggie safety Jason Webster into the endzone for a historic 60-yard touchdown that sent a Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial crowd of 83,687 into utter pandemonium.

“What a great way to break the record,” said center Russell Gaskamp, who along with guard Roger Roesler and fullback Ricky Brown had a key block on the play. “It was just vintage Ricky — breaking tackles, being able to outrun everybody — it was the whole package.”

By the end of the day, Williams had amassed 259 yards on the ground, 196 more than he had needed to break Dorsett’s mark and 15 more than the Aggies had ever given up to a single back in the history of A&M football.

But after Kris Stockton’s kick secured the Texas victory, it was the 60-yard rumble that everyone was talking about.

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# Horns climb out of hole, remain perfect

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By Ed Combs  
Daily Texan Staff

COLLEGE STATION — For 10 games, Rick McIvor watched. He practiced, he worked and he was more or less ignored. While Todd Dodge and Rob Moerschell were taking turns saving each other, McIvor only played obvious passing situations. Everyone go long. Rick McIvor — instant offense.

The strategy worked once, an 80-yard touchown to Kelvin Epps against Auburn. It failed miserably another time. McIvor provided the instant offense for TCU when his only pass of the game was picked off and returned 66 yards for a touchdown.

“It was unfortunate,” Texas coach Fred Akers said. “He goes in there against TCU cold, right off the bench and his first pass is picked off for a touchdown. Rick McIvor two years ago couldn’t have handled that.”

In Texas’ 45-13 nuking of Texas A&M before a record crowd of 76,751 at Kyle Field, McIvor didn’t have any troubling handling the Aggies. With Texas trailing 13-0 and its offense choking in its own cloud of dust, McIvor entered the game and administered CPR. Less than 15 minutes of playing time later, the Longhorns had scored all 45 of their points.

“The coaches had talked to me this week about playing more,” McIvor said. “But I hurt my back early in the week, and I wasn’t sure if I’d be ready if needed.”

The win clinched the 11-0 Longhorns’ 17th outright Southwest Conference title and their 22nd overall. It was the Longhorns’ third consecutive victory over the Aggies, whose record fell to 5-5-1.

The day was a vindication of sorts for McIvor. As the Longhorns worked out in preparation for their opening game with Auburn, McIvor was battling Moerschell and Dodge for the starting

quarterback position. But McIvor, who missed fall workouts with scholastic problems, was further set back when he suffered a turf burn on his elbow and wrist and an infection set in. He missed 10 days of practice.

“It was pretty bad,” Akers said. “I’d go to the health center to visit him, and they’d make you wash your hands in alcohol before you left the room.”

As a result, when Dodge, the announced starter for the season opener, separated his shoulder, Akers called on Moerschell to start the game. McIvor spent most of the season on the bench. Going into the A&M game, he had thrown just 12 passes all season and completed just three for 105 yards and one touchdown. During the A&M game, he completed eight-of-12 passes for 170

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Travis Spradling | Daily Texan file photo  
Rick McIvor tied a school record with four touchdown passes in a 45-13 win over Texas A&M.

# Campbell ready to run over Ags

NOVEMBER 23, 1977

By Jim Lefko  
Daily Texan Staff

Despite a 10-0 record, a probable Heisman Trophy winner in the backfield and perhaps the coach of the year on the sidelines, Texas puts the entire season on the line Saturday in a crucial battle with Texas A&M in College Station.

“The stakes are high,” said coach Fred Akers. “But it’s been that way for years and years. It’s a great rivalry. There will be some clean, hard football out there.”

Earl Campbell, Texas’ all-everything running back, whom Aggie head coach Emory Bellard said “is as good as anybody that has ever played college football,” thinks the game will be very tenacious.

“There’s some big people out there, but I

think we’ll pull it out all right,” he said.

The Aggies, highly regarded across the nation, ranked 11th by UPI this week, are led by fullback George Woodard, who weighs in at 265 pounds, down from 285 after a month-long diet, and placekicker Tony Franklin.

Curtis Dickey and David Brothers complement Woodard with tremendous speed in the backfield while senior quarterback David Walker provides the guidance. Absent from last Saturday’s 52-23 mauling of TCU, Walker will be 100 percent for this week’s 1:30 p.m. kickoff, recovering from minor bruises, coach Bellard said.

The Aggies set a Southwest Conference record in total offense against the weak Horned Frogs, amassing 687 yards.

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Senior tailback Earl Campbell rushed for 222 yards and three touchdowns and also caught a touchdown to clinch the Heisman Trophy.

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Why is this happening?

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by trish

Why does it now feel like--  
out of all times--that I'm a nut?

And that--out of all times--  
a squirrel is chewing out  
my head because I am  
(a delicious) nut?

Oh right... it was because all  
my finals and every class project is  
due on the last week of class...  
before finals week begins.  
(but then again, we're all a little nuts, aren't we?)

occupy nut street!

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The New York Times Crossword

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Across

1 Swiss canton

4 Good at one's job

8 Parthenon dedicatee

14 Short time to wait

15 Mast attachment

16 Brutalized

17 The cross baby was ...

19 Places for patches

20 Brief summary

21 Book that might contain birth records

23 Homeboys

24 The cross motorist stuck at a stoplight was ...

29 Cooks, as some vegetables

32 Doesn't give up

33 Group with revolutionary ideas

36 Author of several New Testament epistles

37 The cross man who'd been cloned was ...

42 Pistol (Oklahoma State's mascot)

43 Amassed, as debt

44 People on it get offed

47 Endless talker

52 The cross woman taking her bubble bath was ...

55 Item in a box with seven compartments, say

56 Gettysburg general

57 Windows operating system released in 2007

58 Drift off

62 The cross aromatherapy patient was ...

64 Lacking in knowledge

65 Exploit

66 Jimi Hendrix's "\_\_\_ You Experienced?"

67 Muslim palace divisions

68 English churchyard trees

69 Naval vessel initials

Down

1 Seizes unlawfully

2 Already-aired episode

3 Freezing point?

4 "Now!"

5 Object from Mars?

6 Legs and such

7 Milk carton mascot

8 Whimsical 2001 film set in Paris

9 Currency unit in the 21-Across

10 Big airport

11 "Rockaria!" band, for short

12 Just out

13 Net surfer's annoyances

18 Grp. that sends things up

22 Once-divided city

25 Stare in shock

26 Iranian coin

27 Adequately, to Lil Abner

28 \_\_\_ modem

30 Company acquired by Verizon in 2006

31 Piteous

34 Big (German W.W. I cannon)

35 What a teacher likes to hear from a pupil

37 1960s hippie event

38 James of jazz

39 Trader's option

40 Desktop item, often

41 It might make you sweat

42 21st letter

45 2001 drama whose title is taken from "Green Eggs and Ham"

46 Mounts

48 Do some political damage control

49 Guinea- (West African nation)

50 Lets out, maybe

51 A&E police drama set in South Florida, with "The"

53 Impart pearls of wisdom to

54 "Walk Away" (1966 top 10 song)

57 Ones out of service?

58 "Everybody knows that!"

59 Molecule involved in protein synthesis

60 Boston Garden legend Bobby

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63 Unlovely bird sound

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...is still a magician?

What is this, a trick or..?

Does dat matter?! Get'em all!

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Emery F.

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extra elbows

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Rescuers waded through the remains of the Aggie Bonfire on Thursday afternoon. The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, the A&M football team and local residents volunteered to removed 4,000 collapsed logs.

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said. More than 100 people volunteered to help in the rescue efforts, rotating shifts of 35 to 40 rescuers at a time. Humphreys said rescuers removed the outside base level of the stack late Thursday night, noting that there were no bodies in that section. Rusty Thompson, Bonfire's adviser and assistant director of the Memorial Students Center, said there was no indication that the structure might fall. "Students didn't hear a distinctive snap when it did fall," he said. The finished project is 55-feet high and consists of 6,000 to 7,000 logs. Bonfire, meant to get students pumped up for the Texas A&M-UT football game Nov. 26, is constructed to twist inward and collapse on itself as it burns. Thompson said former students and student leaders train new students for specific tasks, and those students are only trained for those tasks. He said bonfire advisers stress safety first.

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"We have a lot of respect for that offense," said defensive tackle and placekicker Steve McMichael. "They have some real threats back there." McMichael, who tilts the scales at 235, is not accustomed to tackling people heavier than himself. "I'll have to get my feet planted and hit him right. I'm just looking at him like any other back," McMichael said. The last time a Texas football team lost three straight to the Aggies was in 1910 after two shut-outs in 1909. Texas A&M would like nothing better than to update that statistic, and with a 7-2 record overall this season, 6-1 in conference, "we're still in contention," Bellard said. A 41-3 passing at the hands of Michigan on national television and a heartbreaking loss to Arkansas are the only blemishes on the Aggie record. Last week, after the TCU victory, the Aggies accepted a bid from the Bluebonnet Bowl, for if they do not get to the Cotton Bowl. Putting the Cotton Bowl out of the picture, at least for this week, Akers said Tuesday's practice was one of the best of the year. "Everyone knows the importance of this game," he said, "and I expect the intensity to get better and better as the week progresses."

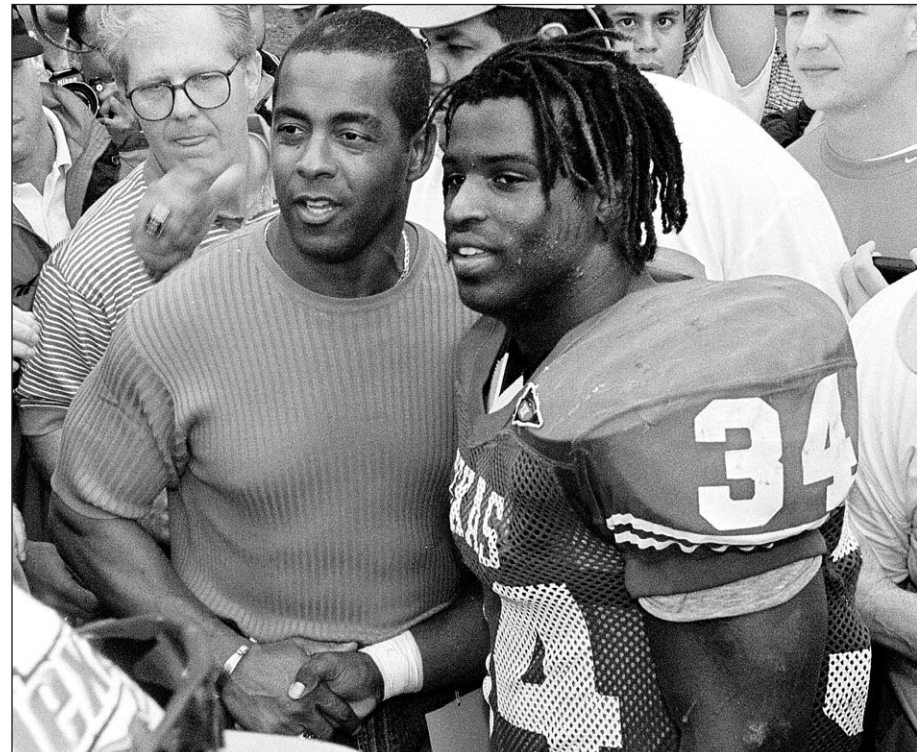
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yards and four touchdowns as the Longhorn offense set season highs for total offense (445 yards), passing offense (258 yards) and pass completions (12). "We've talked it over all season, and my feeling is nothing matters except winning," said McIvor, when asked about sitting on the bench. "It hasn't bothered me at all, so long as we've been winning. That may be hard for a lot of people to understand, but that's exactly the way I feel. No matter what it takes, no matter who's in there, all that matters is us winning. I didn't get discouraged. I knew I'd get my chance."

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"He's always been a little bit of a showboat," head coach Mack Brown said. "He wanted to get that special 60-yard run to break a national record, just to make it stand out." After Williams reached the end-zone, he embraced McGarity and tackled Jay Humphrey before being greeted by hordes of Texas players and coaches on the sideline. The officiating crew then set aside the football, which will be sent to the Football Foundation Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind. "I was exhausted," Williams said. "I came back to the sidelines and got mobbed by the whole team. I couldn't breathe. I was trying to say 'help,' but I couldn't get anything out." Among those observing from the sideline was Dorsett, who excitedly jumped and pointed as Williams was streaking down the field. Dorsett, whose Dallas Cowboys rushing mark was broken earlier this month by Emmitt Smith, said he was pleased to see that his NCAA record of 6,082 yards was broken by a player like Williams. "I feel almost like this is my child, watching something like this," Dorsett said. "This is history." And clearly, it wasn't just Dorsett who sensed the magnitude of Williams' feat. "Every time I gave him the ball, I looked at him because I thought it could be the memorable play," Applewhite said. "After I handed to him that time, I didn't even carry out my fake. I said, 'I've got to see this.'" Two hours after Williams broke the record, when the final seconds had ticked off the clock, the proba-

ble Heisman winner was engulfed by a sea of cameras, reporters and celebrities, including actor Matthew McConaughey and American League Cy Young Award-winner Roger Clemens. A video tribute was played on the JumboTron scoreboard, and the surreal ceremony was concluded with a presentation involving former Heisman winners Earl Campbell of Texas and John David Crow of Texas A&M. Afterward, the author of 15 NCAA records tried to put perspective on the momentous occasion. "It's special for everyone involved with this program," said Williams, who finished his senior season with 2,124 yards. "I'm just happy that I could make everyone proud."



Ricky Williams (34) shakes hands with former record-holder Tony Dorsett during postgame ceremonies after the game.

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Tolly Moseley, a writer and book publicist, blogs about community and personal events on Austin Eavesdropper. Last year, she was awarded a Statesman Texas Social Media Award.

## ‘Eavesdropper’ blogs all things Austin

By Jessica Lee  
Daily Texan Staff

Tolly Moseley is still reeling from getting to meet her idol, Wayne Coyne. The Flaming Lips' front man showed up at Fun Fun Fun Fest a few weeks ago, and Moseley spotted his wild hair, approached him, praised his work and talked to him about how great the city of Austin is.

Moseley has been singing the city's praises on her blog, Austin Eavesdropper, for four years now. The San Antonio native lived in Austin for a year after graduating from the Southwestern, and it was love at first sight.

"I remember driving down Guadalupe [Street] and being fascinated by the signs," Moseley said of her first visit to Austin. "I was just so fascinated that signs could look that way. It's just this city where people take chances and do their own thing."

But when Moseley left Austin to attend University of Califor-

nia at Davis for her graduate degree in Victorian literature, she dreamed of returning to her favorite city in Texas.

And return she did. Moseley did not take any time in reacquainting herself with Austin's nightlife scene. She started Austin Eavesdropper in 2007 as a means to keep track of bands and deejays downtown, but as her life toned down so did the blog, morphing from a nightlife tracker to something more personal. The blog's posts vary from personal anecdotes to features about events and interesting people.

Moseley has since become an Austin personality herself. The book publicist by day, blogger by night has bright red hair that makes her easy to spot.

"It's delightful to meet people who read the blog. They are recognizing me around town more and more," Moseley said. "They even recognize my husband, too."

Bloggers abound in Austin cover a variety of topics, such as glu-

ten-free cooking and biking. Moseley, who enjoys reading blogs just as much as she loves keeping up with her own, created "Austin Bleet-Ups," an event that allows local bloggers to meet one another.

Indiana Adams, the face behind the local fashion blog Adored Austin is a regular at the Bleet-Up events.

"Tolly has her fingers on the pulse of this city, marches along with its heartbeat, and then documents it all on Austin Eavesdropper," Adams said. "She writes in a way that makes you feel like you're listening to one of your dear friends who just so happens to be funny and knowledgeable."

Writing is only one aspect of creating a successful blog. Moseley encourages bloggers to not only make sure their posts are well written, but also to make sure they really enjoy the subject they are covering.

"I think the rule of thumb is to make sure that even if you aren't blogging, that you would be doing the same thing," Moseley said. "Food bloggers would still be in the

kitchen cooking and photographers would still be taking pictures."

Moseley abides by this rule wholeheartedly. Take a quick look around any of the big events going on around town, and you are sure to spot her red hair in the crowd.

The blogger is a strong advocate of getting up from behind the computer and really experiencing life. Moseley recently took up aerial silks, a form of acrobatic performance that involves hanging from strands of silk. The hobby allows Moseley to escape from all the multitasking and focus solely on one thing.

The writer plans to stay in Austin for as long as she can. She claims that big cities such as Los Angeles and New York have their charm but lack the community support that Austin possesses.

"I think this city kind of picks people. It's not a city where you are on the fence for awhile," Moseley said. "I've met people who are not into Austin, and I'm like 'Who are you?'"

### THE MUPPETS MOVIE REVIEW

## ‘The Muppets’ film brings viewers back to childhood

By Alex Williams  
Daily Texan Staff

From its opening "Toy Story" short (which is a welcome check-in with characters just as beloved as the Muppets) to its climactic musical number, "The Muppets" doesn't have much on its mind beyond putting a big, goofy grin on the faces of audience members, and in this, it never fails.

Jason Segel put his name in the mix for a new Muppet movie after the puppet-oriented finale to "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," and he both writes and stars as well. Segel plays Gary, who's planning a trip to Los Angeles with girlfriend Mary (Amy Adams) and brother Walter (who just so happens to be a puppet). All Mary wants out of the trip is a marriage proposal from Gary, while Walter wants to visit the abandoned studio of the Muppets. However, once they find that the nefar-

ious Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) wants to tear down the studio, Gary and Walter try to reunite the Muppets so to save their name and old stomping grounds.

From the opening scene, "The Muppets" commits to its bizarre world, a musical number-fueled wonderland where humans and puppets can happily coexist. The film slings jokes at the audience at a rapid clip, some of them dealing with the inherent silliness of the world they've created.

"The Muppets" never goes over the top (except with outrageous slapstick humor). Throughout, the film remains smartly written with plenty of laughs and a heartwarming ending that will leave every single audience member grinning like an idiot. It's possibly the best family film of the year, and if you're stuck going to a movie with younger family members this Thanksgiving, you're never too old for "The Muppets."



**The Muppets**  
James Bobin

**Genre:** Comedy

**Runtime:** 98 minutes

**For those who like:**

"The Muppet Movie," "Muppets from Space"

**Grade:** B+



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Kermit the Frog, right, tries to persuade Miss Piggy to help save the Muppet Theater from being torn down in a scene from "The Muppets," opening in theaters on Nov. 23.

### THE DESCENDANTS MOVIE REVIEW

## Clooney shines in father-daughter flick

By Alex Williams  
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It's been seven years since Alexander Payne's last film (the sublime "Sideways"), and although "The Descendants" may not reach the staggering highs of that film, it's a charming picture of those who stay in Hawaii once vacation season is over.

Matt King (George Clooney) is an extraordinarily busy man long before his wife (Patricia Hastie) is seriously injured in a boating accident. Finding himself responsible for daughters Scottie (Amara Miller) and Alexandra (Shailene Woodley), Matt struggles with having to be a parent for the first time while also dealing with a family constantly nipping at his heels to come to a decision regarding a massive tract of land they've inherited from Hawaiian royalty.

George Clooney is one of the few true movie stars we have, and he continues to challenge his image with each new role. Matt could have been an unsympathetic character, and his simmering anger at learning his wife has been unfaithful is wonderfully expressed by spiteful, sarcastic voice-over saying all the things he can't. However, Clooney keeps Matt human throughout, even as his character displays a cruel streak in more than one scene and gives a performance that's nothing less than fantastic.

Also great is the relationship Matt forms with his daughters, who do a lot to sand down his harder edges as the film goes on. As younger daughter Scottie, Amara Miller is offbeat and often hilarious, but Shailene Woodley steals the show as



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George Clooney, left, and Shailene Woodley are shown in a scene from "The Descendants."



**The Descendants**  
Alexander Payne

**Genre:** Comedy

**Runtime:** 115 minutes

**For those who like:**

"Sideways"

**Grade:** A-

older daughter Alex. Alex is something of a firecracker, and her complicated relationship with her mother gives Woodley lots of great notes to play as she finds herself torn between furious anger at being shipped off to boarding school and crippling fear at losing her mother forever.

Even if it may not have the disemboweling wit of "Election" or the pervasive sadness of "About Schmidt,"

"The Descendants" mixes the two to make for an undeniably affecting experience. Much of the film is uproariously funny, but Payne takes joy in pulling the rug out from under the audience and quickly swapping in laughs for heartache in the blink of an eye.

"The Descendants" is unquestionably a strong work from Payne and promises great things on the horizon.

### THE DESCENDANTS INTERVIEW

## Woodley shares her silver screen experience

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A year ago, Shailene Woodley was probably best known for her prominent role on "The Secret Life of the American Teenager." However, her wonderful performance as George Clooney's spunky, brutally honest daughter in Alexander Payne's "The Descendants" promises to redirect the 20-year-old actress' career path.

The Daily Texan sat down with Woodley earlier this month.

**DT: Tell me about Payne's directorial style.**

**Woodley:** On a personal level, Alexander is one of my top five favorite human beings. He's just such a ... I will come to tears talking too much about him because I just think the world of him. As far as a director goes, he's very low key and he has a very strong point of view when it comes to his films, which is rare for a director to have. His style is very ... He doesn't want us to act when he casts us, he just goes, "Be you. That's all I want. Just you, within the rules and restrictions of this character."

**DT: How would you compare working in television and film?**

**Woodley:** There's a giant difference. Television, we do like eight scenes a day, so it's boom, boom, boom. You have very little creativity involved, time is of the essence, money is of the essence, and you just have to get the job done. Film is very different in that you only have one scene to do a day, if that. Sometimes half a scene. So you get so much time to re-

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ally go deep and figure out the different layers of character and story and explore. It's like being on a playground — you can try the slide for a minute and then the swings for a second.

**DT: Tell me about working with George Clooney.**

**Woodley:** George is such a humble, down-to-earth professional, a phenomenal man on this planet, that there was no intimidation factor. George, Nick Krause and I went to Hawaii three weeks prior to filming to kind of get to know the vibe of Ha-

wai and get to know each other and Alexander. It was awesome! We went on mini-field trips around the island to kind of get to know the place that our characters grew up and the vibe of the culture. George, I mean the second you meet him, you kind of forget that he's George Clooney. "superstar," he just becomes George Clooney from Kentucky with a heart of gold. He's such an amazing, comfortable guy to be around that there's no intimidation factor, and it was kind of an organic bonding process. It was three people getting to know each other.